

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Acting in its capacity as
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

A meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, September 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 10:26 p.m.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Commissioners Arnone, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Mangini, Stokes and Szewczak. Commissioner Bosco was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Derrik Kennedy; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Kevin Deneen; Water Pollution Control Superintendent, Kevin Shlatz; Director of Public Works, Jonathan Bilmes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #6235 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Szewczak to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #6235** adopted 10-0-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION RE: COLLECTION SYSTEM STUDY INCLUDING SMOKE TEST RESULTS

Present for this was Mike Burns of Woodard & Curran

Mr. Burns stated Woodard & Curran was hired by the Town of Enfield to do a facilities plan for the wastewater treatment plant and the collection system. He provided a brief update as to what was found in the collection system. He noted they did a lot of investigations at the water pollution control facility and within the collection system. He stated they looked at the pipes, the pump stations and everything that gets the wastewater to the plant. He noted the purpose is to locate sources of infiltration and inflow, which is basically clean water getting into the sewers. He stated they want that information because it costs the Town money to transport clean water to the plant to be treated. He noted that clean water doesn't need to be treated since it's storm water and could just go out to the river. He added they're also looking for structural defects and other issues in the collection system.

He displayed some pictures which show sources of infiltration and inflow such as roof drains connected into the sewer system, foundation drains, broken pipes or catch basins connected to the sanitary system.

Mr. Burns stated in the spring they did temporary flow monitoring, camera observations within pipes, manhole inspections and smoke testing in order to see where problems existed. He noted in Thompsonville, they found over 59 parcels that have roof leaders connected to the sewer system, four storm drains were connected and there were a couple yard drains connected as well. He stated they estimate about one million gallons per day of rainwater ends up in the sewer system during a one-inch rainfall. He stated these are things they'd recommend being disconnected, and it should not cost the Town much money to do this because a lot of these are private residences. He pointed out the sewer ordinance currently states people cannot put stormwater into the sewer, therefore, there's a legal precedent for having people remove these connections from the sewer. He noted it would be nice if these people could connect to a storm drain because they would not want them taking that drainage from the sewer and letting it go onto a sidewalk, which would create icing issues.

Mr. Coppler stated they wanted the Council to start thinking about this. He noted when the Town makes the request for people to spend money to disconnect, it may not always be met with enthusiasm. He feels the Council should discuss this and come up with a policy because people will claim they can't afford to do this, or they don't want to do it.

Commissioner Arnone stated perhaps they can just get letters out to see how many people will voluntarily comply. He voiced concern about the catch basins because many of the catch basins are huge culprits and they can drain an enormous amount of water through one catch basin. He questioned whether they're capable of re-routing the water to another source. Mr. Burns stated in some cases there are nearby storm sewers they could connect to. He noted they have the option of running a whole new storm sewer right to the river, which could be expensive, or they can leave it connected because it might not be worth the money to disconnect it and put in a new pipe.

Mr. Kennedy stated he will call Utility Service Partners, which is the company being used to do the water and sewer line warranties to see if they would cover any of this. He stated his belief they won't, but it would be good to know definitively.

Commissioner Lee questioned whether it's known if any of these storm drain systems are in road beds that were recently re-done. Mr. Burns stated he could work with DPW to find that out.

Commissioner Lee stated his understanding this is not new code added to the process in the last couple years, and Mr. Coppler responded that was in the existing code that was changed.

DISCUSSION RE: GREASE TRAP VARIANCE

Mr. Bilmes stated Enfield Pizza is requesting to relocate, and the WPCA preferred they'd have an external treatment unit, and the owner and proprietor asked that this requirement be waived and they be able to use an internal treatment unit, which they have now. He noted this set off a review period by the Town and Health Department. He stated they do not yet have the Health Department's approval and report, and this is needed before the Council can approve the variance.

Commissioner Arnone questioned if this variance relates to a hardship. Mr. Bilmes responded there's a written request in the packet for the Council. He added it's a financial hardship issue.

Commissioner Szewczak questioned how the billing for Hazardville Water is being handled. Mr. Coppler stated a report will have to be provided concerning that.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #6236 by Commissioner Szewczak, seconded by Commissioner Stokes to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #6236** adopted 10-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 10:43 p.m.